

September 6, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 6, 2017, 10:03 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of the August 16 and 28, 2017 be approved

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve blaster certification for the following applicants:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Certificate No.</u>
Myron Stern	Freedom Mine	85-12-089-R(11)
Ross Aman	Specialized Blasting Services	14-12-369-R(1)
Josh Boyko	Specialized Blasting Services	14-08-360-R(1)
Casey Voigt	Beulah Mine	17-08-402

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-335  
Mark Hove  
Auction Clerk License  
Cancellation

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue the Order Cancelling Auction Clerk License in Mark Hove, Auction Clerk License, Cancellation, Case No. AU-17-335.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-336  
Scott Douglas Gillespie  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Scott Douglas Gillespie, Graceville, Minnesota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-337  
Fischer Clerking LLC  
Auction Clerk  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Fischer Clerking LLC, Mandan, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-113  
Northern States Power Company  
Special Facilities Rider  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's request to withdraw its application for a Special Facilities Rider, and close the case, in Northern States Power Company, Special Facilities Rider, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-113.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-733  
Oasis Midstream Services LLC  
10.75-inch Crude Oil Pipeline -  
McKenzie County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Oasis Midstream Services LLC's Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed July 31, 2017 in Oasis Midstream Services LLC, 10.75-inch Crude Oil Pipeline – McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-733.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-813  
Northern States Power Company  
2013 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Settlement in Northern States Power Company, 2013 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-12-813.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-295  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Interim Rates in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-295.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-319  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Peak Rewards Program & Cost  
Recovery Mechanism  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission acknowledge Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s request to withdraw its application for a Peak Rewards Program & Cost Recovery Mechanism tariff, and close the case in, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Peak Rewards Program & Cost Recovery Mechanism tariff, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-319.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-330  
North Dakota Telephone Company  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, North Dakota Telephone Company, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-17-330

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-245  
Northern States Power Company  
2016 Power Purchase  
Agreement Costs  
Compliance

WITHDRAWN

Case No. PU-16-539  
Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, LLC  
Glacier Ridge Wind Farm Project -  
Barnes County  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order denying hearing request in Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, Glacier Ridge Wind Farm Project – Barnes County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-539.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-539  
Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, LLC  
Glacier Ridge Wind Farm Project -  
Barnes County  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order designating a site for Phase II in Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, Glacier Ridge Wind Farm Project – Barnes County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-539.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-295  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain, effective August 9, 2017, Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Kuntz to assist the Commission as advocacy staff counsel in processing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-295.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-284  
Foxtail Wind, LLC  
Foxtail Wind Energy Center –  
Dickey County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Kuntz to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Foxtail Wind, LLC, Foxtail Wind Energy Center, Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-284.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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New Hire - Weights and Measures  
Inspector (Small Scales/Liquid)

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the offer to and acceptance of Brandon Wahlfeldt to fill Position No. 5007, Weights and Measures Inspector (Small Scales/Liquid), effective August 28, 2017, under the terms specified in the August 16, 2017 written offer of employment.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:18 A.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN